SEC Form 4

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Addre	ss of Reporting Perso <u>rt S</u>	on *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SM Energy Co</u> [SM]		ionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1775 SHERMAN STREET		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/02/2012	x	Officer (give title below) Sr VP Portf Dev &	Other (specify below)				
SUITE 1200			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(Street) DENVER	СО	80203		X	Form filed by One Repo Form filed by More thar	-				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	te, Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
		Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/02/2012	М		848	Α	(1)	848	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	07/02/2012	F		264	D	\$48.11	584	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Form: Direct (D)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	07/02/2012		М			848	07/02/2012	07/02/2012	Common Stock	848	\$ <mark>0</mark>	1,694	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock unit grant vests over a three-year period, with 1/7th vesting on July 2, 2012, 2/7th vesting on July 1, 2013, and 4/7th vesting on July 1, 2014. The vested shares will be issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.

Remarks:

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-07/05/2012 Fact) ** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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